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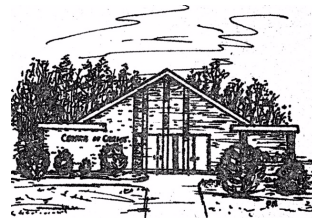
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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday AM	
Bible Study	—
Worship	—
Contribution	\$1940
Sunday PM	
Worship	—
Wednesday	
Bible Study	—



*A friendly church with
a saving message*

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday
Bible Class 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday
Bible Class 7:00 PM

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

- **Hear** the Gospel (*Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32-34, 1 Cor. 15:1-2*)
- **Believe** Jesus is the Son of God (*John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6*)
- **Repent** of your sins (*Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30*)
- **Confess** faith in Jesus Christ (*Romans 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32*)
- **Be Baptized** (*immersed*) for forgiveness of your sins (*Acts 2:38; John 3:5; Rom 6:3, 4*)
- **Live Faithfully** (*2 Peter 1:10-11; Revelation 2:10*)

Our Mission Works

Garry Jones – India
The Mustard Seed: Rainbow Village
for Girls, Jacob's Village for Boys

Scott Shanahan – Italy

Please follow us on



Serving the Congregation Apr 5, 2020

	AM	PM
Song Leaders:	—	—
Opening Prayer:	—	—
Lord's Table:	—	—
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Closing Prayer:	—	—
PM Table:	—	—
Announcements:	—	—
Usher:	—	—

Wednesday evening: Apr 8, 2020

Song Leader:	—
Invitation:	—
Announcements:	—

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Mercy Triumphs Over Judgment

Phil Sanders

The debate over the temporary closing of assemblies due to the threat of this virus continues. I love assembling with brethren and feel deeply saddened over this time of loneliness and separation from brethren whom I love. The Lord did give me an opportunity to preach to the Edmond congregation via streaming. Jackie and I zoomed a Bible class and watched the video of the March 29 worship service.

For many years I have preached to many thousands of shut-ins via television. They too longed to worship in the assembly and were unable. God understands. I think of Paul in stocks in prison, singing with Silas, but winning souls. I think of Jews in isolation due to their Leprosy (see Leviticus 13).

Hebrews 10:25 speaks to Jewish Christians who had willingly forsaken assembling for worship altogether. This is not the situation with our temporary gatherings in our home. We have not willingly forsaken Christ or the desire to gather for worship. Being confined at home through no fault of our own is not forsaking or abandoning the Lord.

Lest anyone think I have somehow gone "soft" on assembling, let me be clear. No one in America encourages people to worship with the Lord's church more than I do. Search regularly helps people to find a congregation of the Lord's people where they can worship.

My wife and I have been confined at home, quarantined, by her illness and by our state and city. "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution; whether to a king as the one in authority; or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men" (1 Peter 2:13-15). This too is in Scripture.

What will you do if one person comes into your assembly infected (and he/she may not know it) and infects several members (like what happened to 34 people in Greer's Ferry church in Cleburne, Arkansas)? What will you do if a person infected in your assembly passes away? Will shepherds be held responsible for not protecting the flock from this pandemic?

Loving the brethren means protecting them from the things that bring danger. While this is physical, the problems it could cause can become spiritual.

Some have said it is wrong to partake of the Lord's supper at home. These are unusual and difficult times. One can and must as an individual remember the Lord in his supper. Examining self is an individual act. If you were sick or confined, you could still partake. We are legally separated not purposefully forsaking, and God knows that. He will not fault you for partaking, any more than He would you for singing or praying alone. Our communion is with Christ. Would Paul sin if he partook of the supper alone while confined in the rented house or prison cell?

On another level, these are technologically amazing times when people can virtually gather and worship, virtually sing together, virtually pray together, virtually study together. We could not have done this a generation ago. Perhaps God knew what we would need and provided this expedient. This is kind of like putting a monitor and speaker in a nursery at the church building.

It is true that we must not forsake assembling, but let's be fair. No one has willfully abandoned the Lord for having to be confined at home. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

CLINTON CALENDAR

May 2 Camp Cleanup Day ?
Jun 9-11 TCC Day Camp ?

SUPPLIES & DROP-OFF/PICKUP

During this period of social distancing, we have supplies for the Lord's Supper here at the building. If you would like to drop off your weekly contribution, you may drop it off in the tray on the Lord's table or mail it to the church's box PO Box 298, Clinton, TN 37717.

SUNDAY SERMONS & WORSHIP TIME

Beginning this Sunday, brother Richard will be presenting a lesson to us via Facebook Live. Our Bible class for kids will follow. Please take advantage of this opportunity as an aid as we worship at home.

KIDS BIBLE CLASS

We continue to have a kids' Bible class on Facebook Live on Sunday and Wednesday for the duration of the pandemic restrictions. Check out the church's Facebook page!

ONLINE RESOURCES

During this time of worshipping at home, there are lots of online resources for Bible study, live streaming of worship services, etc. Here are just a few that you may check out:

Facebook Pages:

[New York Ave Church of Christ](#) - sermon videos

[Clinton Church of Christ](#) - Facebook Live sermons and kids' Bible class videos

Live Streaming & Sermons:

www.karnschurch.org

www.crievhall.org

www.polishingthepulpit

www.searchtv.org

www.wacoc.org

www.gbntv.org

www.mtjuliet.org/bibleclass

THE ELDERS CORNER

Jeremiah 29:11- *For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans of peace and not evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

In these trying times we are reminded that God has a plan for all of us. We can take comfort in knowing that whatever happens it will be for the good to those who love the Lord. Imagine those facing this trying time who now realize they have no hope. Let us always be ready to share that hope with those we meet.

-Stump

CHURCH BULLETINS

Our church bulletin is emailed out weekly to anyone that would like to have it and is also available on our website. If anyone knows of someone who does not have ONLINE access and would like to have the bulletin mailed to them, please contact Rick Caudle at 865-705-5018.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION

If you are able, you may drop your weekly contribution off here at the building on Saturdays between 3:30 and 4:30. You may also mail it to:

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If you need to make some other type of arrangement, feel free to call or text Joey Smith at 865-773-8259.

TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of Bible Class teacher willing to be in the rotation for the Cradle Roll class. If you are interested in volunteering for this class, see Laura Bentley or Yvonne Kilpatrick.

AREA EVENTS

GRIEF SEMINAR

Lenoir City Church of Christ: July 25

PRAYER REQUESTS

Laura Bentley continues to recover at home from surgery.

Dallas Nicholson has been diagnosed with COVID-19. He remains in the hospital but is making good progress.

Sabrina Nicholson Perkins also needs our prayers for safety and good health.

Karen Hamby had exploratory surgery last week and will need future peripheral artery bypass surgery when the medical climate will allow.

Lesley Mowery continues to recover from epiretinal membrane and cataract surgery.

Ouita Northcutt is doing well and recovering now at the home of her son.

Wilma Smith, Melea Nash Smith's mother-in-law, fell and broke her shoulder.

Donnie & Nancy Mitchell continue to need our prayers for good health.

Linda Roberson, a friend of Stump and Annette Smith, is in need of our prayers.

Harper Mynatt, 2 year old from Cookeville injured in the recent tornado, continues to recover at Children's Hospital in Knoxville.

Todd Lewis, a friend of the Smiths from Jackson, is now at home recovering from COVID-19.

Khrsti Battistelli Thomas, Drew Battistelli's sister, is at home recovering from COVID-19.

Please remember all the **doctors, nurses, and medical professionals** in our area and around the world that are dealing with the coronavirus pandemic.

Continue to remember: John Adkins, Elijah Alley, Stephanie Baird, Elbert Boyd, Dudley Brewer, Harriette Brown, Lisa Carr, Taylor Castillejo, Mike Chester, Kayce Crews, Audrey Lynn Egerton, Randall Farley, Dakota Fuller, Eddie Godsey, Steve Griffith, Lynn Hawkins, Bonnie Henderson, Gary Henderson, Mike Henderson, Tucker King, Connor Livingston, Charles McGhee, Norma Jean McGhee, Craig McWilliams, Garrett Moore, Katie Moore, Bridget Moses, Britni Pflieger, Keith Rider, Frank Smith, Jacob Short, Arica Smith, Andrew Verble, Harrison Waldron, Jack Zorn

Cancer Treatment: Curtis Barnes, Linda Bell, Sid Booth, Sawyer Cole, Travis Creasey, Jerry Cross, Gail Foust, Rena Gayne, Scott James, Mike Koehler, Belle McCoy, Greg McGuinness, Sandra McKamey, Jonas Moore, Janice Plagge, David Phippen, Jack Price, Vernie Vignolo, Doris Walker, Gail Wilkinson, Buddy Wilson, Sherrye Woodall

Shut-In: *At home* – Elmira Trentham; *The Waters of Clinton* - Dicey Humphrey

Updates to the Prayer List may be sent to churchofchristclinton@gmail.com or given to Joey Smith.

INDIA MISSION UPDATE

Brother Garry Jones is attempting to return home. He continues to be in quarantine before he will be allowed to leave India. Please remember Garry and Cindy in your prayers.

ITALY MISSION UPDATE

Scott, Rebecca, and Violet Shanahan continue to be confined to their apartment in Italy during the coronavirus pandemic. Please pray for their strength and for the entire nation of Italy.